

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 361-2016

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: August 30, 2016

SUBJECT: Dade Boulevard Tree Removal

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to inform the City Commission of the upcoming work along Dade Boulevard between the Venetian Causeway and Alton Road. As part of the Dade Boulevard Harmonization project, the portion of Dade Boulevard will be raised in elevation from east of the Venetian Causeway to just west of Alton Road. The proposed elevation on Dade Boulevard will match the newly raised streets within the current Sunset Harbour Neighborhood Improvements Project.

There are currently a total of 11 Silver Buttonwood trees on the south side of Dade Boulevard, just east of the Venetian Causeway. All of these trees will be impacted due to the proposed increase in the elevation of Dade Boulevard. Unfortunately, the overall condition of the Silver Buttonwood trees is poor and the probability for survival is minimal if the trees are relocated. This leaves us with the only option of removal and replacement.

The project will be applying for a City tree removal permit within the next few days. Individual trees will be tagged in advance of the removal which is expected a few weeks from now. When the Dade Boulevard project is complete the new replacement trees will be replanted approximately at the same location.

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